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4 March 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR:
Mr. Karamessines

SUBJECT : Fulbright Hearings Transcript (20 February)

1. Attached is the transcript of the 20 February Executive Session of the Fulbright Hearings. special assistant, has asked us to review this transcript and make suggestions or recommendations on portions we would like deleted from the record.

2. I have gone through the entire transcript and put a slip of yellow paper in front of every page on which the Agency is mentioned directly or by clear implication. I am very reluctant to carry any water for State in this exercise and would prefer to avoid casting an Agency vote if we can do so. Most of what we want taken out DOD and/or State will also want taken out; so my inclination is to let them bear the onus. Actually, in light of all that has been printed and published in recent weeks, there is very little that would honestly do us serious damage if it appeared in the New York TIMES -- as much of it probably will.

3. If we want to cast any negative votes, the two places where I think some representation might be appropriate are the following: first, the remarks on page 164 which clearly put Ted Shackley at odds with Ambassador Bunker. Second, the comments beginning on page 171 which deal in detail with the past and present duties of Gorden Jorgenson (misspelled) and

4. wanted an answer by COB 4 March, but since this document did not arrive until late on 3 March I think we will be meeting our responsibilities if we reply as quickly as possible. My suggestion

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25X1 would be that [] glance through this first and append any added comments he wants to make, that Mr. Karamessines take a final look and that we then submit our collective recommendations to the Director for a definitive vote.

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Attachment

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1 - Fulbright hearings file

1 - GAC Chrono✓

1 - VAS Chrono

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